

Selected BLS Economic Indicators



Pittsburgh

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This fact sheet presents recent **employment and unemployment, price, and pay data** for Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA), and the United States. The **Consumer Price Index (CPI)** measures price changes, or inflation, for particular commodities and services at the retail level. The **Producer Price Index (PPI)** measures price changes, or inflation, for particular commodities and services at the wholesale level and is widely used by business firms as an escalator in long-term contracts. The **Employment Cost Index (ECI)** measures price changes, or inflation, of labor costs which includes wages and salaries and employer costs for employee benefits. An **occupational pay relative** is a calculation of pay (wages, salaries, commission, and production bonuses) for a given metropolitan area relative to the nation as a whole; the calculation controls for differences among areas in occupational composition, establishment and occupational characteristics, and the fact that data are collected for areas at different times during the year.

Consumer Price Index (1982-84) = 100	April 2006	April 2007	Percent change
All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)			
U.S. City Average	201.5	206.686	2.6
Northeast	214.7	219.501	2.2
Pittsburgh (2nd Half 2005 and 2006)*	191.7	196.6	2.6
Urban Wage Earners & Clerical Workers (CPI-W)			
U.S. City Average	197.2	202.130	2.5
Northeast	211.0	215.802	2.3
Pittsburgh (2nd Half 2005 and 2006)*	185.0	188.7	2.0
Producer Price Index, U.S. (1982 = 100)	April 2006	April 2007	Percent change
Finished goods	160.7	165.8	3.2
All commodities	164.3	171.2	4.2
Industrial commodities	168.8	173.7	2.9

*CPI is released semiannually for the Pittsburgh MSA

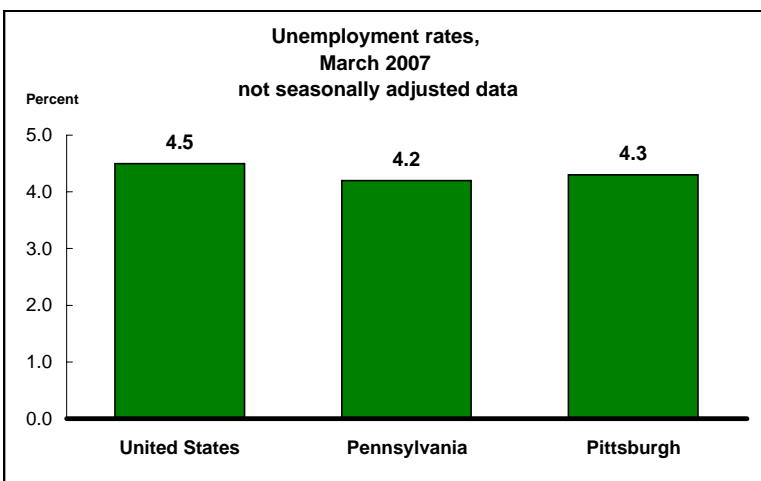
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Unemployment levels, age 16 years and over

(not seasonally adjusted, in thousands)

Area	March 2006	March 2007	Net change	Percent change
United States	7,255.0	6,913.0	-342.0	-4.7
Pennsylvania	317.1	264.1	-53.0	-16.7
Pittsburgh	63.5	50.3	-13.2	-20.7

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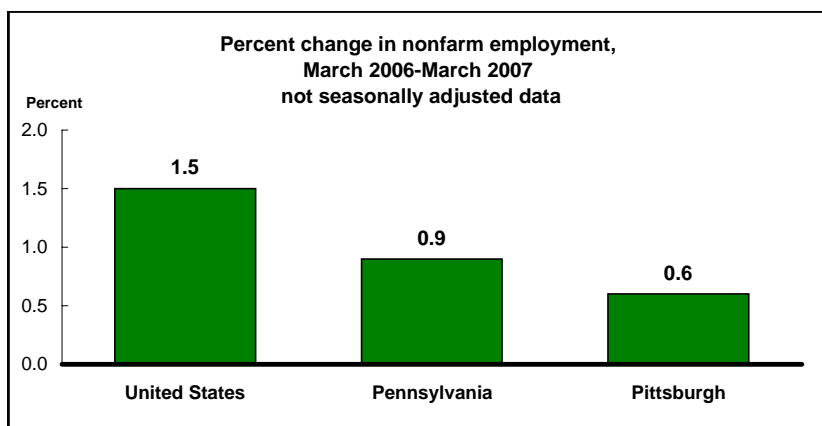
Employment Cost Index (December 2005) = 100	1st Qtr. 2006	1st Qtr. 2007	Percent change
Total Compensation-Private Industry Workers			
United States	100.8	104.0	3.2
Northeast	100.9	104.0	3.1
Middle Atlantic	100.9	104.2	3.3
Occupational Pay Relatives (United States = 100)	July 2005		
Pittsburgh			
All Occupations		96 *	
Management, business, and financial		94 *	
Professional and related		95 *	
Service		97	
Sales and related		93 *	
Office and administrative support		98	
Construction and extraction		97	
Installation, maintenance, and repair		94 *	
Production		95	
Transportation and material moving		99	

*The pay relative for this area is significantly different from the national average of all areas at the 10 percent level of significance.

Nonfarm payroll employment (not seasonally adjusted, in thousands)

Area	March 2006	March 2007	Net change	Percent change
United States	134,868.0	136,835.0	1,967.0	1.5
Pennsylvania	5,697.8	5,751.3	53.5	0.9
Pittsburgh	1,124.3	1,131.0	6.7	0.6

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The Pittsburgh, Pa. Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) includes Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Butler, Fayette, Washington, and Westmoreland Counties in Pennsylvania.